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UNDER ARIZONA RULE OF THE SUPREME COURT 111(c), THIS DECISION IS NOT PRECEDENTIAL  
AND MAY BE CITED ONLY AS AUTHORIZED BY RULE.

IN THE  
**ARIZONA COURT OF APPEALS**  
DIVISION ONE

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STATE OF ARIZONA, *Respondent*,

*v.*

ALEXANDER PAUL CELAYA, *Petitioner*.

No. 1 CA-CR 18-0243 PRPC  
FILED 8-7-2018

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Appeal from the Superior Court in Maricopa County  
No. CR2013-415890-001  
The Honorable Pamela Hearn Svoboda, Judge

**REVIEW GRANTED AND RELIEF DENIED**

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**MEMORANDUM DECISION**

Presiding Judge Randall M. Howe, Judge Jennifer M. Perkins, and Judge Peter B. Swann delivered the decision of the Court.

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**PER CURIAM:**

**¶1** Petitioner Alexander Paul Celaya seeks review of the superior court's order denying his petition for post-conviction relief, filed pursuant to Arizona Rule of Criminal Procedure 32.1. This is petitioner's first petition.

**¶2** Absent an abuse of discretion or error of law, this court will not disturb a superior court's ruling on a petition for post-conviction relief. *State v. Gutierrez*, 229 Ariz. 573, 577 ¶ 19 (2012). It is petitioner's burden to show that the superior court abused its discretion by denying the petition for post-conviction relief. *See State v. Poblete*, 227 Ariz. 537, 538 ¶ 1 (App. 2011) (petitioner has burden of establishing abuse of discretion on review).

**¶3** We have reviewed the record in this matter, the superior court's order denying the petition for post-conviction relief, and the petition for review. We find that petitioner has not established an abuse of discretion.

**¶4** For the foregoing reasons, we grant review and deny relief.



AMY M. WOOD • Clerk of the Court  
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